

Why Do We Need This Project?

- ➡ Roadway slipouts and retaining wall repairs are ongoing issues.
- ➡ The ten closures this past year have discouraged tourists, hindered the movement of goods, kept children and teachers from their schools, impacted emergency response, and has generated a high level of concern for residents needing to use this segment of roadway on a daily basis.
- ➡ The ancient rockslide at Confusion Hill is progressively losing strength and the entire hillside slide plane is moving increasing the potential for more extensive highway repairs in the future.
- ➡ A catastrophic slide at Confusion Hill could close US-101 in both directions for up to 6 months.
- ➡ A one-way closure could cost the traveling public an estimated \$1.7 million per month in travel delay and added vehicle operating costs.
- ➡ A complete closure could require a 250 mile detour and could cost an estimated \$7.1 million per month in travel delay and added vehicle operating costs.
- ➡ A 25% loss in tourist-related business in Mendocino and Humboldt Counties would result in an estimated \$13 million per month loss in business.
- ➡ Maintaining US-101 in open and good condition between the San Francisco Bay Area and Eureka is very critical to the economic well being of the north coast.